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Greenways  
Knockholt  
near Sevenoaks  
Kent

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Dear Vanko !

Yes, we are coming to Paris and will arrive, we plan, at the Gare du Nord an hour or two before the ceremony at l'Eglise Americaine, Quai d'Orsay. Perhaps somebody can meet us or we can simply take the Metro to Quai d'Orsay. We have both been in Paris several times before.

I will write on Wednesday with the exact time of arrival at the Gare du Nord.

We are having a meeting of the Gypsy Liaison Committee today here in Kent. This committee has been formed with the aim of co-ordinating activities, eventually, all over Britain and Ireland. But it is only just coming into existence.

As for the future, we are most interested and inspired by the suggestion that it may be possible to have a school using the Montessori methods at the chateau. Venni will be a trained teacher next July (if she passes her examinations) and ~~we~~ could consider teaching at the chateau. Perhaps, as a journalist, I could help with the new periodical for a period, if this would help the cause.

However, our main concern is the organisation of the community in Britain and Ireland. Perhaps for a period next year we can help both. For example, would it be possible to have at the chateau a 'summer camp' where Gypsy children from England and France (and other countries) can live together for some weeks learning by the Montessori method, learning about Gypsy culture all over the world (Ronald Lee has made a film in Canada, for example), and perhaps working on some project to improve the chateau.

We can discuss this possibility and then we can approach the 'Romany Trust' and other people for financial support. The Sevenoaks committee has already agreed to pay for a delegate to go to the meeting in April, of course.